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In re Application of: Souza *et al*

Application No.: 09/992,873

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Examiner: E. Kemmerer

For: Production of Pluripotent Granulocyte Colony-
Stimulating Factor

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 22, 2002, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced application.

The Examiner imposed a restriction requirement on pending claims 1-44 which were divided into Groups I-III; Group I: claims 1-11, 14, 30-32, 34, 35, 39, 43 and 44, drawn to pluripotent G-CSF polypeptides and pharmaceutical compositions; Group II: claims 12, 13, 15-29, 33, 38 and 40-42, drawn to nucleic acids encoding pluripotent G-CSF and host cells and methods of expressing the polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acids; and Group III: claims 36 and 37, drawn to methods of therapeutically administering pluripotent G-CSF.

In response to the restriction, the Applicants elect Group II (claims 12, 13, 15-29, 33, 38 and 40-42) without traverse.